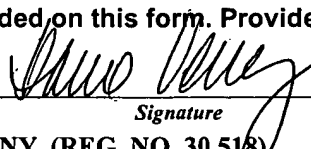
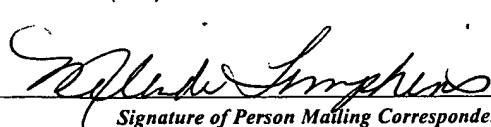


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This Amendment is accompanied by a Transmittal Form, Amendment Transmittal Letter, Petition for Extension of Time and three (3) Terminal Disclaimers.

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